

CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE PRINCIPLES

CSOC Council Vision: *San Diego children and youth are healthy, safe, successful in school, and law abiding, while living in a home and community that supports strong family connections.*

Mission: *The purpose of the System of Care Council is to ensure that all agencies serving San Diego county children have coordinated services resulting in improved child, family, and system outcomes consistent with System of Care Values and Principles.*

1. **Collaboration of four sectors:** The cornerstone of the Children's System of Care is a strong partnership between families/youth, public agencies, private organizations and education.
2. **Integrated:** Services are coordinated between the four sectors, respond to the multiple needs of children/youth/families/care-givers, are coordinated with multiple systems-both formal and informal; ensure an appropriate and clear transition between levels of care and between the youth and adult mental health systems of care. Services strive to be seamless and easily accessible.
3. **Child/youth focus, family centered:** Service delivery, service planning, program, and policy development include the full participation of families/care-givers and their children/youth.
4. **Individualized:** Services are designed to meet the unique set of needs and build on the unique strengths for each child/youth/family/care-giver. Services are guided by an individualized service plan, which is comprehensive and responds to the evolving needs.
5. **Strength-based:** Plans and services identify and build on strengths, which help facilitate the child/youth/family/care-givers' attainment of goals.
6. **Community-based:** A continuum of care is identified, developed and provided in the local region where the child/youth/family/care-giver lives.
7. **Outcome driven:** Outcomes for children/youth/families/care-givers and service delivery systems are clearly stated, measurable, and used to drive decisions to further improve outcomes for the CSOC.
8. **Culturally Competent:** Services are culturally, linguistically and developmentally appropriate.